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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE — August 2023

Lavar Burton

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi UNS Members,

We had a great summer picnic at Sugarhouse park last month with lots of good food. I am sure no one went home hungry. There was 38 UNS members and 35 non members in attendance.

I want to thank our Board members for their help with putting this picnic together. They did a great job

The youth had fun looking for coins in the sawdust pit. It was set by Larry Kimura and Clay Riggs.

Darin Lee had some nice Franklyn Half Dollars in the drawing, I hope you went home with one of these coins.

This month is Bourse night. Bring any coins you want to sell or trade. This will be a chance for you to pick up some coins for your collections.

Thanks to all.

LaVar Burton President

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Meeting , 2023 August 8, 7PM

Meeting location is:

Columbus Center - 2530 South 500 East —Salt Lake City

UNS CALENDAR FOR 2023

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Swearing in new officers Coin show info Board members intro.	Guest Speaker / TBA **Dues Renewal**	Auction No News & Views or Quiz **Dues Renewal**	Guest Speaker Ogden Coin Show/Layton **Dues Renewal**
MAY	**JUNE**	**JULY**	**AUGUST**
Club Birthday Medals Voting Club Members speaking - Favorite coin/How you got	Youth Night NUTS Coin Show 9-10	UNS Picnic	Bourse
SEPTEMBER	**OCTOBER**	**NOVEMBER**	**DECEMBER**
Successful Coin Displays David Larson	Auction No News & Views or Quiz	Guest Speaker / TBA	Christmas Dinner

August is Bourse Night

Bring you coins and become a dealer for a day

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x

Doug Nyholm

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Shown here are a couple of pictures from our recent picnic.

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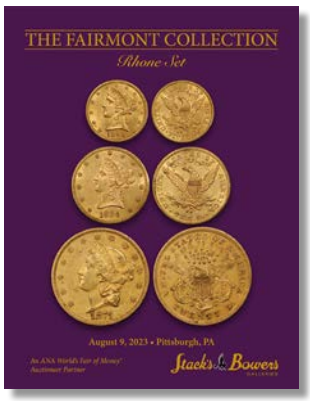

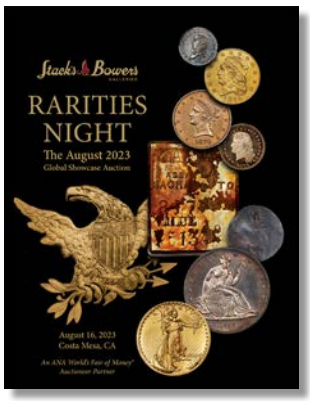

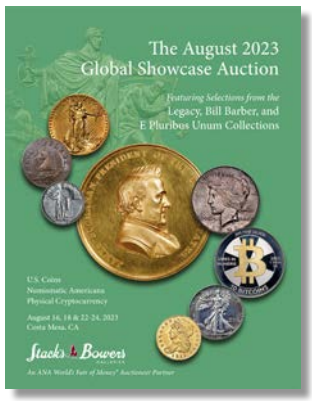

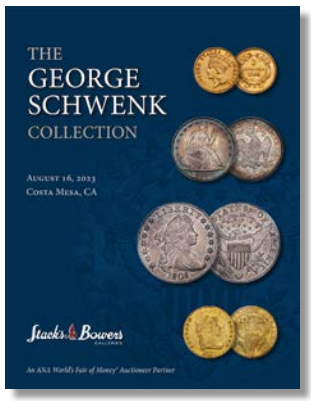

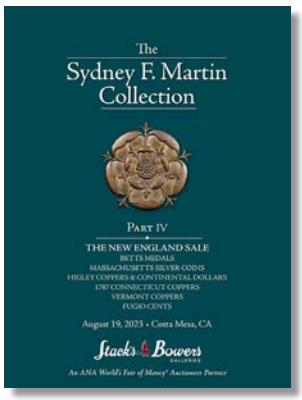

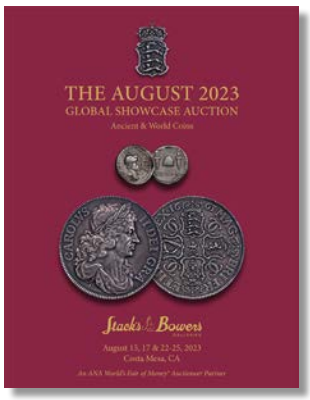

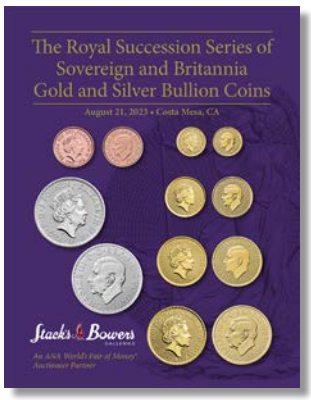
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1964 Accented Hair Kennedy Half

Doug Nyholm

I have struggled for some time with identification regarding the 1964 accented hair Kennedy half dollar. These coins were among the first Proof 1964 Kennedys struck. The design was soon changed supposedly by the urging of the late Presidents widow Jacqueline as she for some reason did not like the appearance of the hair. The appearance of the hair is actually quite subtle unless you study the differences and know exactly what to look for. In addition to the accented hair there are also several subtle differences on both the obverse and reverse of the Type 1 variety.

According to Rick Tomaska, a noted Franklin and Kennedy expert, and as stated in his book "Franklin & Kennedy Half Dollars" which is #15 in the red Book series on specific coins and series, that only about 100,000 Type 1's were struck. The change occurred very early during the production of the 1964 proof sticking's. He also goes on to state that during the massive silver melts following the removal of silver from our circulating coinage that 30% to 50% of these Type 1 coins may have been melted solely for their silver content. Even thought most 90% silver coinage was circulating coins the rise of silver prices did not eliminate many proof issues from being thrown into the melting pot. It seemed at the time during

Accented Hair

Normal Hair

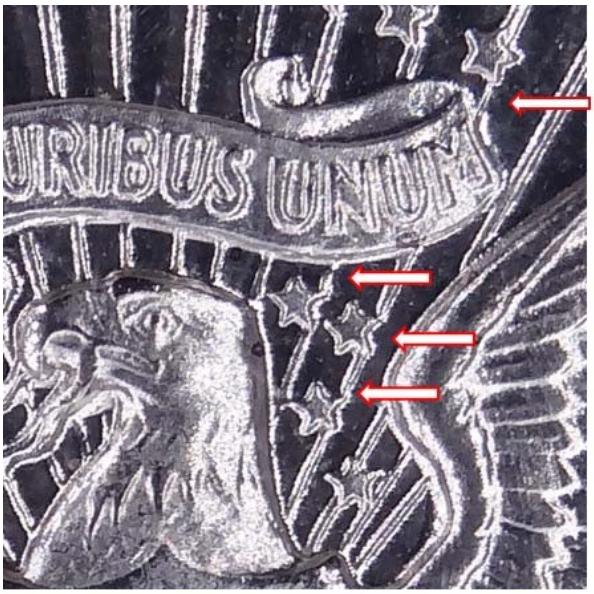
which the Hunt brothers were attempting to corner the silver market pushing silver to $50 an ounce that anything containing any quantity of the precious metal found its way into the furnace.

Thus the accented hair or Type 1 Proof 1964 Kennedy halves may possibly have a surviving population as low as 50,000 coins. As far as modern coinage statistics are concerned, it is definitely a very scarce coin.

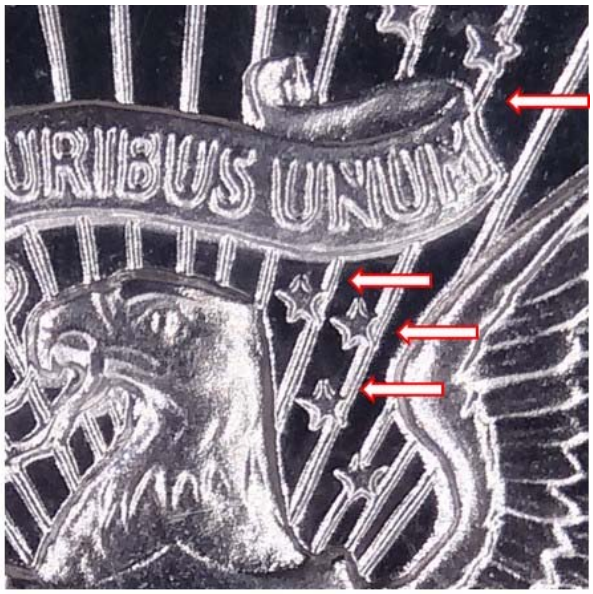
Valuation of these coins in PF-65 can easily exceed $100, likely much more in totays market. Higher graded examples can easily top $1,000. Rich Tomaska stated that he sold a PF-69 Ultra Cameo example for just shy of $10,000 20 years ago and would exect that same coin to be at least double in to days market.

1964 Proof ses are quite common today, usually selling in the range of $35 to $40 so it may be worth your while to familiarize yourself with the diagnostics of this accented hair coin and go on a cherry-picking adventure.

Following are several additional pictures of the diagnostics of this under appreciated and under collected coin. It might just be a variety you may want to add to complete your collection of Kennedy Half Dollars.



Accent Hair



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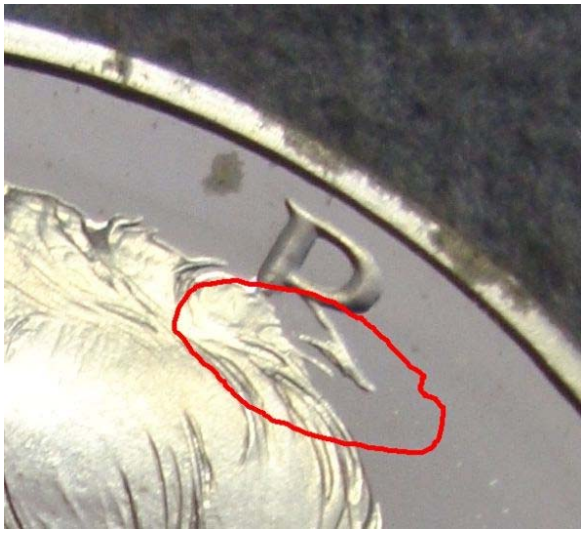

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GENERAL PRIZES

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1934 Portugal 10 Escudos silver
1935A $1 Hawaii FR 2300
1955 D BU Lincoln Cent Roll
1960 P Franklin Half Dollar MS63 toned
1991 P Korean Commem Dollar Proof
2022 Mint Set
XF Morgan
1921 Morgan
Silver Eagle
??? Mystery item

Buy-of-the-Month:

As August will be a "Bourse Night," there is no buy-of the month. But come and see what fellow club members are selling and you might find your own personal buy-of the month!

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Thanks to our curator Darin Lee for these prizes.

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OPC TOKENS

Doug Nyholm

At the recent Token Society's auction held in conjunction with the Sandy Coin Show I acquired a pouch for the storage of Red and Blue OPC War Ration tokens. These tokens were created literally by the billions during WWII and virtually everyone in America had them in their pockets. They were used in daily commerce with war ration stamps by merchants across America. They were created by the newly formed government agency called the "Office of Price Administration." Its dutys included rationing of commodities, price fixing on certain items and preventing runaway inflation during the war. Sounds like something we need today.

Every household was issued ration books based on their demograpics. Most contained stamps which had no monetary value but were required to purchase food items. Again, the price factor was not something associated with these stamps but in order to make so-called change if the amount allocated for the stamps was not an even value stores were issued small Red and Blue tokens. They were made of vulcanized rubber and were 16mm in diameter.

The Blue tokens had a value of 1 point and read "OPA Blue Point 1" and also had two random letters applied. There were 24 different varieties for Blue tokens which can be identified by these two random letters. The Red tokens were similar but had 30 different letter combinations. These tokens werre issued between 1942 and 1945. The letters have no specific meaning and were applied at random possibly as an anti-counterfeiting measure however many collectors have tried in vain to decipher any meaning or pattern.

There are collectors who attempt to assemble complete sets based upon these letters and several combinations both Red and Blue appear to be quite scarce. The rarest is a Red token with the letters MV while a Blue token with the letters WH is considered scarce. In general Red tokens are much more common the Blue ones.

Other than the scarce letter combinations most OPC tokens, Red or Blue can be purchased for less than a dollar. Since billions were made and literally ten's of thousands still exist there are a

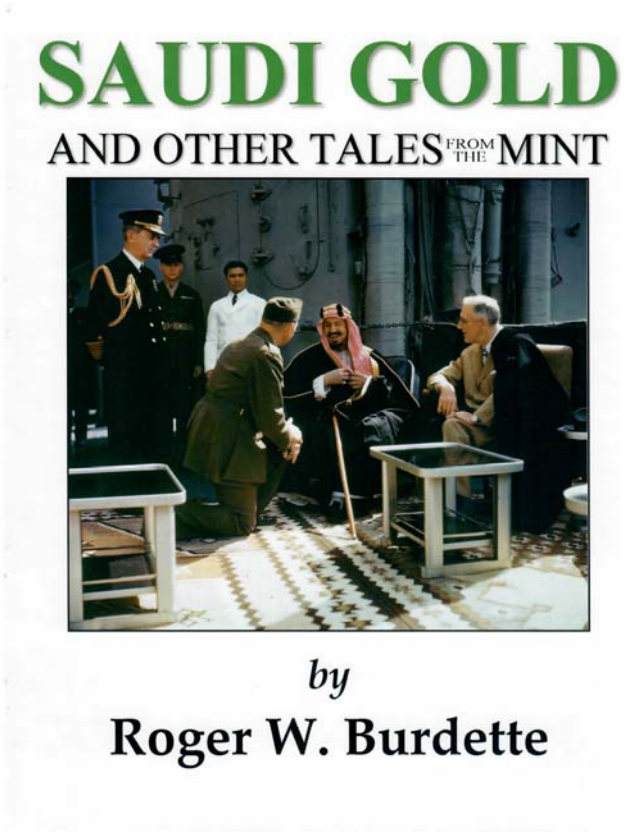
number of token collectors who still collect them. Much more scarce are the holders, pouches and booklets associated with these tokens. One can usually find a few tokens in dealers junk boxes or at coin shows. They are an interesting remant of WWII and the rationing of commodities.

BOOK REVIEW

SAUDI GOLD And Other Tales from The Mint

Roger W. Burdette

The book "Saudi Gold" by Roger W. Burdette and was released in April of this year. The title, I believe, is a bit misleading as most of the stories relate to the U.S. mint and gold from the first half of the 20th century. A few of the chapters are titled:



- When a Dollar is a Dollar
- Between the Wars to end all Wars
- Missing 1928 Double Eagles
- American Gold after Nationalization
- Coin Collection During the Depression
- Treasuries Wartime Secrets
- Gold Discs of Saudi Arabia
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Dime

This book is rich with history and profusely illustrated with many rare pictures. It was purchased from Wizard Coins and has a list price of $39.99. It is a hardcover book consisting of 259 pages printed on glossy paper in full color.

Definitely recommended for the historian of early 20th century numismatics.

The Money Quiz

Multiple Choice(s) Questions

1. Which of the following nicknames were given to 19th Century pattern coins?

A) Shield Earing **B) Schoolgirl**

C) Washlady **D) Sailor Head**

2. Which of the following metals were 19th Century U.S. coins struck in?

A) Silver **B) Gold**

C) Aluminum **D) Platinum**

3. How many stars were part of the design in early U.S. Coins?

A) 12 **B) 13**

C) 14 **D) 15**

4. Who Designed the 1879 / 1880 $4 gold coins?

A) Barber **B) Morgan**

C) Longacre **D) Reich**

5. In which of the following years were commemorative coins struck?

A) 1848 **B) 1892**

C) 1903 **D) 1918**

6. Which of the following years did the U.S. strike $50 gold coins?

A) 1849 **B) 1877**

C) 1915 **D) 1986**

7. The last Proof pre-1933 gold coin was struck in what year?

A) 1913 **B) 1914**

C) 1915 **D) 1916**

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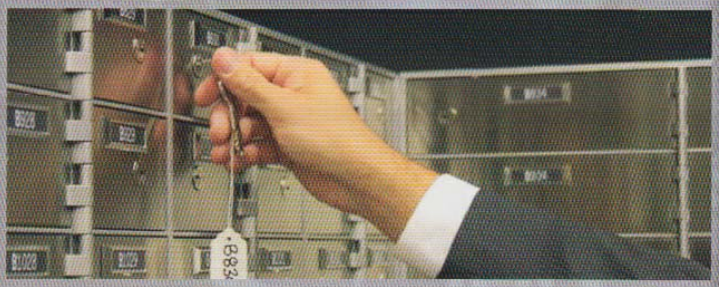

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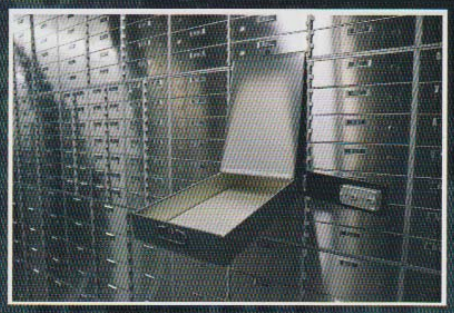

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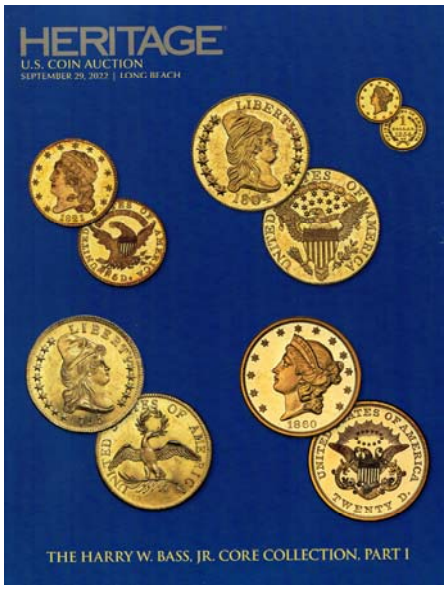
EDITOR'S MESSAGE

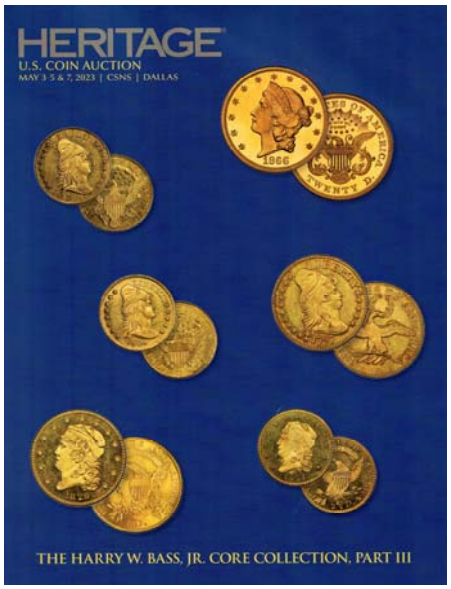
I just received the Harry W. Bass Jr. collection Part IV auction catalog from Heritage. The Bass collection contains a vast assortment of supberly graded rarities which have been off the market for decades. It was housed by the ANA at their headquarters in Colorado Springs. Part 1 was highlighted by s Proof 1821 Half Eagle in PF-65 Cameo. Part 2 contained the unique 1870-S $3 gold coin. Part 3 contained multiple uncirculated 18th century gold coins while Part 4 is showcased by a 1907 Ultra High Relief Saint Gaudens $20 double eagle certified PCGS PF-69! There are so many highlights that a set of the catalogues is the only way to appreciate what Harry Bass assembled.

I am actually happy to see his collection to be sold at a public auction rather than be institutionalized in a museum setting forever. Collections housed by institutions or museums have their place obviously but many times they are hidden away in vaults only rarely to be seen by the public. Even the Smithsonian cannot possibly display the many coins it has as any one time. Coin Collecting is a great hobby and collectors should not feel that they own these many rarities but only have temporary stewardship over them until the next generation. I am happy to see new owners step forward.

Sincerely,

Doug Nyholm





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Our meetings include Bourse, Auctions, expert speakers as well as our annual "Youth Night" and "Summer Picnic."

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Quiz Answers

1. **All**
2. **All**
3. **All**
4. **A & B**
5. **All**
6. **All**
7. **C**

Coin pictured is a 1814 Bust half struck in Platinum.